

Niangua Conservation Area

About This Area

Niangua Conservation Area is in Webster County, approximately 30 miles east of Springfield and five miles northeast of Marshfield. The area actually contains two separate tracts, known as the St. Luke tract and the Sampson tract.

Visitors can access the 360-acre St. Luke tract from Webster County Road 613. From Springfield, take I-44 to the Marshfield exit, go west on Highway 38 to State Road W and go east on State Road W to County Road 613.

The 160-acre Sampson tract can be reached from Webster County Road 173. From Springfield, take I-44 to the Marshfield exit, go east on Highway 38 to State Road CC and north on State Road CC to Webster County Road 173.

Both the St. Luke tract and the Sampson tract are almost completely forested. Small ponds on the area provide wildlife watering holes. There are no opportunities for fishing.



Things to Do

- Hunting.
- Primitive camping.
- Hiking. Numerous old logging roads meander through the area.
- Self-guided nature trails.
- Nature study and birdwatching. The heavily forested area offers many opportunities for wildlife viewing.
- Outdoor photography.
- Picnicking.
- Frogging. Frogs may not be taken with a firearm.

Rules and Regulations

Area hours: Open daily from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m. Camping, hunting, fishing, dog training and launching and landing boats are permitted at any time when authorized.

- No littering.

- No fireworks.
- Fires must be attended at all times.
- No free-running pets. Dogs must be leashed or confined when not being trained or used for hunting. Special use permits are required for field and retriever trials.
- Destroying, cutting or removing vegetation is prohibited. Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal consumption only. Taking of wild greens from natural areas is not allowed.
- Motor vehicles are restricted to roadways and parking areas.
- Primitive camping on a walk-in basis is allowed, but campsites must be at least 100 yards from all public access roads, open fields and parking lots.
- No target shooting allowed.
- Swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, sailboarding, skateboarding, caving and rappelling are not allowed.

Hunting and Trapping:

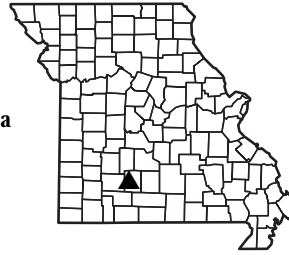
Area is open to hunting under statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply.

- Only portable tree stands may be placed or used and only between Sept. 15 and Jan. 31. Each stand must be identified with the name and address of the user and must be removed from the area by Feb. 1. Use of nails or other materials that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Frogging. Frogs may not be taken with a firearm.
- Trapping of furbearers allowed only with a special use permit.

(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are from Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. Free copies of the Wildlife Code and Special Area Regulations are available from the Conservation Department.)

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Welcome

Missouri is a state rich in history, folklore and natural resources. The Conservation Department encourages you to visit, use and enjoy this area and other Department areas.

Land surrounding Niangua Conservation Area belongs to private landowners. The boundaries adjoining private property are clearly marked. Please respect landowners' rights with these simple courtesies: obtain permission before going on private property, pick up all litter, be careful with fire, do not damage property, practice safe hunting.

Nearby Department Areas:

Compton Hollow Conservation Area
Little Sac Woods Conservation Area
Bois D'Arc Conservation Area
Busiek State Forest and Wildlife Area
Pleasant Hope Conservation Area
Goose Creek Conservation Area
Osage Fork Conservation Area
Lead Mine Conservation Area

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